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Docket No.: BRIXIUS-3

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| In re Application of: |) |
| WOLFGANG BRIXIUS ET AL |) |
| Appl. No.: NOT YET KNOWN |) |
| Filed: SIMULTANEOUSLY HEREWITH |) |
| For: FASTENING APPARATUS FOR |) |
| DETACHABLE SECUREMENT OF A |) |
| MOTOR TO A CONVEYOR |) |

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to B). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

| | Country: | Patent or Appl. No: | Patentee or Applicant: | Issue or Filing Date: |
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| A) | Germany | DE 41 02 658 A1 | Keppel | 08-06-1992 |
| B) | Germany | DE 201 20 157 U1 | Reinert-Ritz | 05-29-2002 |

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference A) describes a reflector (1) rotating under the roof of the microwave oven to reflect the microwaves around the oven chamber. The non metallic shaft (4) of the reflector has a bayonet coupling (5) with the metallic shaft of the reflector motor (2), which is mounted outside the oven. The motor shaft has a support flange (10) with a spring (11) to press onto the stirrer shaft and secure the coupling. The motor shaft has a transverse pin (9) which locates in a bayonet double slot in a sleeve (6) on the reflector shaft. The snap fitting provides rapid assembly.

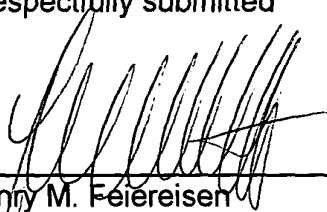
Reference B) describes a device for connecting two tubular members by means of a bayonet lock.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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